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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Karl-Heinz Ellenberger, Helmut Erb

Serial No: 09/595,136 Art Unit: 3653

Filing Date: June 16, 2000

Title: APPARATUS FOR SORTING LAUNDRY PIECES

Examiner: Joseph C Rodriguez

September 30, 2001

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 23, 2001 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on October 23, 2001.

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The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2001 for 2 months from September 23, 2001 to December 23, 2001. Fees in the amount of \$200.00 are to be charged to a credit card. Credit card information and authorization form (PTO-2038) is enclosed.

Furthermore, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency and/or additional fees, which may be required to Account Number 11-0224.

Applicant petitions that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224.

Applicant further respectfully requests that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: